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MAIZE CHLOROPLAST PROTEIN SYNTHESIS ELONGATION

FACTORS AND METHODS OF USE FOR SAME

Dear Dr. Yang:

Enclosed please find a copy of the above-identified patent application mailed to the Patent Office March 16, 2001. We filed the application without executed declarations of the inventors. The Patent Office is now requesting us to furnish signed declarations. Enclosed please find a Declaration prepared for your signature and date of execution. Please sign below your name, date and fax a copy to me at 515-288-1338 and mail the original to the address above. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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